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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

***Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Renewal.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Interior announces the charter renewal of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Public Advisory committee.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Court Order establishing the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council also requires a public advisory committee. The *Exxon Valdez* Public Advisory Committee was established to advise the Trustee Council, and began functioning in October 1992. The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee consists of 10 members representing the following principal interests: sport hunting and fishing, conservation and environmental, public-at-large, recreation users, commercial tourism, science/technical, subsistence, commercial fishing, aquaculture and mariculture, and Native landowners.

In order to ensure that a broad range of public viewpoints continues to be available to the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council, and in keeping with the settlement agreement, the continuation of the *Exxon Valdez* Public Advisory Committee is recommended.

In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C., App. 2), following the recommendation and approval of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council, and in consultation with the General Services Administration, the

Secretary of the Interior hereby renews the charter for the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas Mutter, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 1689 "C" Street, Room 119, Anchorage, Alaska, (907) 271-5011.

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:** I hereby certify that the renewal of the Charter of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties mandated by the settlement of United States v. State of Alaska, No. A91-081 CV, and is in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended and supplemented.

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KEN SALAZAR  
Secretary of the Interior

September 25, 2012\_  
Date

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